THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI); (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Supreme Court in its majority judgement in Indira Sawhney and other Vs. Union of India and other (Mandal Case) had observed as under:

> "the reservations contemplated in clause (4) of article 16 should not exceed 50 per cent. While 50 per cent shall be the rule, it is necessary not to put out of consideration certain extraordinary situations inherent in the great diversity of this country and the people. It might happen that in far flung and remote areas the popu lation inhabiting those areas might, on account of their out of the mainstream of national life and in view of the conditions peculiar to and characteris tic of them, need to be treated in a different way, some relaxation in this strict rule may become imperative. In doing so. extreme caution isi to be exercised and a special case made out." , ,.-

It would thus be seen that the Supreme Court itself had visualised certain extreme situations where departure from the 50 per cent rule could be justified and a special case made out.

(c) (i) The following States provide 50 per cent or less than 50 per cent reservation quota for backward classes **(SCs,** STs and OBCs) in the Sate Services: Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa; Gujarat; Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana, Himachal pradesb, Keraia, Madhya Pra-' desh, Manipur, Mizoram, Maharashtra. Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthtan, Uttar Pradesh; West Bengal and Tripura.

The State of Jammu and Kashmir, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura are not; at present providing reservation for OBSs.

The States of Sikkim does not provide any reservation for SCs, STs or OBCs.

(ii) The States which are providing reservation in excess of 50 per cent are as foilows; Arunachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Meghalaya, Nagaland; Tamil Nadu.

Welfare Schemes Cor Tribals

1746. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to stat*:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated 13th July, 1994 regarding welfare schemes/schemes of Government not reaching tribals in several states.parts of the country; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Gov ernment with regard thereto stating the steps taken to provide welfare to tribals in the concerned area/parts of the conut ry?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) The information has been called for from all the Tribal sub-plan States/UTs. The same will be laid on the Table of the House as and when received.

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notification of the Ministry ef Food

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): Madam, I lay on the Table, imder subsection (6) of section.3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, a colpy (in Engish and Hindi) of the Ministry of Food Notification S.O. No. 374, dated **tbe 13th,**

May, 1994, publishing the Gur (Control) Order 1994.

Memorandums of Understanding between Gove, of India, Ministry of Steel and varioua Metal Companies

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THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV); Madam, I lay on the Table a copy each (in Ehglish and Hindi) of the lolowing papers:—

(i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Steel) and the Ferro Scrap Nigam Limited for the year 1994-95.

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(ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Steel) and the Metal Scrap Trade Corporation Limited for the year 1994-95.

[Placed in Library, See No, LT. 6223/94]

(iii) Memorandum of Understand, ing between the Government of India (Ministry of Steel) and the Sponge Iron India Limited for tbe year 1994-95.

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(iv) Mamorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Steel) and the Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited tfor the year 1994-95.

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Notification of. the Ministry *of* Agriculture

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): Madarn, I lay on tfie Table, sub-section (6) of section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, a copy (in English | and Hindi) 'of the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture and Cooperation) Notification S. O. No. 437/(E), dated the 9th June, 1994, regarding fixation of price of various fertilisers under the Fertilisers (Control) Order, 1985.

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(Report and Accounts, (1991-92) of the sports Authority of India, New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): Madam, I, on behalf of Shri Mlukul Wasnik lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) af the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of *the* Sports Authority of India, New Delhi, for the year 1991-92, to-gather with the Audit Report on ihe Accounts.

(ii) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

(id) Statement giving reasons for ithe delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above.

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Report and Accounts (1992-93) 0f the Punjab Agro Industries Limited, Chandigarh, and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN j THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE I MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE